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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/987,549
Applicants: Yuki MIYAZAWA, et al.
Filing Date: November 15, 2001
For: TILLERING PROMOTER FOR PLANT AND
METHOD FOR TILLERING PROMOTION OF
PLANT
Group Art Unit: 1616
Examiner: PRYOR, A.N.

SIR:


Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Letter to Commissioner; Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 (Yuki MIYAZAWA, Masahiko KURAUCHI, Makoto TAKEUCHI and Hiroyuki SATO - executed) 3 pages

Our check in the amount of -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

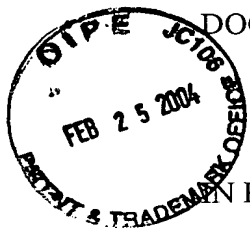
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LETTER TO COMMISSIONER

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SIR:

On January 30, 2004, Applicants timely filed a response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2003, along with the unexecuted Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 of Miyazawa et al. Applicants are filing herewith the executed Declaration of Miyazawa et al.

Applicants again submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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SIR:

Now comes Yuki Miyazawa, Masahiko Kurauchi, Makoto Takeuchi, and Hiroyuki Sato, who depose and state that:

1. We are the named inventors of U.S. Patent No. 6,448,202 (Miyazawa et al).
2. Yuki Miyazawa, Masahiko Kurauchi, and Hiroyuki Sato are the inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/987,549 ("the '549 application").
3. Makoto Takeuchi did not contribute inventively to the invention disclosed and claimed in the '549 application.
4. Any disclosure in Miyazawa et al of the invention disclosed and claimed in the '549 application is the work of Yuki Miyazawa, Masahiko Kurauchi, and Hiroyuki Sato, and not the work of Makoto Takeuchi.

5. We declare further that all statements made of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

6. Further Declarants saith not.


Yuki Miyazawa

Feb. 4, 2004
Date


Masahiko Kurauchi

Feb. 11, 2004
Date

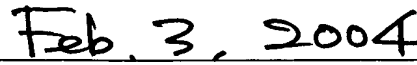

Makoto Takeuchi

5 Feb. 2004
Date

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Hiroyuki Sato



Date